

in reply to that received from the senate proposing the appointment of a time for the election of bank directors on the part of the state. And the same having been read the second time, Mr. John W. Thomas proposed the following message as a substitute therefor; which was twice read, agreed to, and sent to the senate, viz.

By the House of Delegates, Jan. 17, 1827.

Gentlemen of the Senate,

We have received your message of 15th inst. proposing to go into the election of Bank Directors on Tuesday next the 23d inst. and beg leave, respectfully, to propose to you, that said election should be postponed until Tuesday the 30th inst. If this proposition meets your convenience, we will with pleasure go into the election on that day.

Mr. Tidball reported a bill, entitled, An act for the re-valuation of real and personal property in Washington county; which was twice read, by special order, passed and sent to the senate.

Bills of the following titles were also this day severally reported, viz.

By Mr. Compton, An act to alter the constitution and form of government, by providing that all elections by a joint vote of the general assembly of Maryland, shall be *vi-va voce*.

By Mr. Tyson, An act to incorporate the Maryland Savings Institution.

By Mr. Stricker, An act to incorporate the Methodist Preacher's Aid Society of Baltimore.

And by Mr. Montgomery, An act authorising the Register of Wills of Anne-Arundel county, to perfect the record of Joseph Chow's Will. Which said bills were severally read the first time and ordered to lie on the table.

On motion by Mr. Nicholson, the bill reported by him, entitled, An act to establish Magistrate's Courts in the several counties of this state, for the trial of assault and battery, was made the order of the day for Monday next the 22d inst.

On motion by Mr. Speed, the bill reported by Mr. Tyson, entitled, An act to incorporate a society in the city of Baltimore, by the name of "The Independent Order of Odd Fellows of the state of Maryland," was made the order of the day for Thursday the 25th instant.

Mr. Dennis, from the committee therein mentioned, delivered the following report; which was read.

The committee of grievances and courts of justice, to whom was referred the bill, entitled, An act relating to the swearing of petit jurors, beg leave to report—That they have maturely considered the subject, and discover no satisfactory reason to